

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Takeshi Nishi, et al	Art Unit :	2871
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REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 28, 2007

In reply to the action mailed December 28, 2007, applicants submit the following remarks.

Claims 11-28 are pending in the application, with claims 11-13 and 15 being independent.

Initially, applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that the information disclosure statement filed on October 2, 2007 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) because applicant did not include copies of the foreign patent documents. Applicant acknowledges that copies of the foreign patent documents were not provided on October 2, 2007. However, applicant notes that copies were not provided because applicant was merely submitting a copy of a Form PTO-1449 that was previously submitted on October 25, 2004, which was itself a corrected version of a Form PTO-1449 that was submitted on August 11, 2004, along with copies of the two foreign patent documents in question. Accordingly, since the two foreign patent documents (JP 3226824 and JP 3274434) were previously submitted, applicant requests that the Examiner consider them and return a properly initialed Form PTO-1449 to indicate such consideration.

Claims 11, 12 and 25-28 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Ohe (U.S. Patent No. 6,011,606) in view of Arakawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,039,893) and Yoshizo (JP 57-141478). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Arakawa, which issued on March 21, 2000, from an application filed on January 22, 1998, does not qualify as prior art with respect to the present application, which claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/799,985, which was filed on February 12, 1997.